The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chair Clive Kaiser. Introductions were made. A motion was made by Aaron, seconded by Scott to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion passed.

USGS presented information on a regional groundwater model to help with understanding the flow of the groundwater in the basin and to help evaluate water-management practices. This model would also be helpful in deciding how to break up the management area into smaller units.

Clive stressed that we need to understand the history of the LUB and the hydrology: Where the nitrates are in the water table, where they came from and the movement of the water.

Much discussion on dollars needed to match and fund a USGS hydrologic study model. Clive questioned who would own the model and was told it would be public domain. It was questioned why USFS wasn’t at the table.

Aaron Palmquist wants to make a formal request to the Dean of Agriculture at OSU for funding of a hydrologic study.

Senator Hansell spoke on legislative activities and funding issues. He will definitely help the LUB as much as possible.

There is 20 years of DEQ data for domestic wells. JR cautioned the committee concerning agency regulations dealing with shared data etc.

InterACTWEL’s lunchtime report was cancelled and there was a discussion on the tool and the proposed workshop.

Clive is currently the interim Chair at the Hermiston Station. He asked that this information be forwarded to Miff to update the website. Due to Clive’s new position, he stepped down and nominated Scott Lukas to become the LUBGWMA committee chair, effective immediately. The committee voted to appoint Scott to the committee chair.

Melissa asked JR to send her information on the POP.
The next meeting will be January 14, 2020 at 9:00 am at HAREC.
Submitted by Janet Greenup, Morrow SWCD